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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael A. Bernadicou on 5/24/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 3, after "first dielectric film" insert—to a thickness greater than 3000 Å— In claim 1, line 19, delete "GO1", and insert instead—GOI—

In claim 12, line 6, after "first dielectric film" insert—to a thickness greater than 3000

In claim 22, line 3, after "first dielectric film" insert—to a thickness greater than 3000 Å---

In claim 33, line 4, delete "the first dielectric film sufficiently thick to cover the surface roughness of the epitaxial germanium layer", and insert instead—to a thickness greater than 3000 Å;---

In claim 39, line 6, after "a first dielectric film" insert—to a thickness greater than 3000 Å---

In claim 39, line 6, delete ",the first dielectric film sufficiently thick to cover the surface roughness of the epitaxial germanium layer"